



FAMILIAR AND WELCOME at Camas football game is Dr. Arthur Harris, who has kept track of the teams and treated injured players for more than 30 years. He has devoted even more time to the American Red Cross and the Boy Scouts.

Doc Harris Has Tended Camas Players For 30 Plus Years

The colonists quarreled and Thomas Harris eventually went on to Salem. William Harris went to England representing the colony; on his return trip his ship was captured by Algerian Corsairs who imprisoned him and much later released him for ransom.

Another enjoyment for Dr. Harris has been his work with the Boy Scouts.

"I'm too old to be a member of the executive board for Columbia-Pacific County so they made me an honorary vice-president of the executive board. I'm the oldest member of the continuous board," he said.

"A neighbor had been with the woman until we arrived. The neighbor said, 'My I'm glad you are here; I could never stand to be around when babies were coming.' With that she and the husband left me alone with the woman in labor. There was no fire in the stove, and I didn't know whether or not there was water in the tea kettle. The baby was born and dressed before the father returned."

For years he served scouting as troop and camping chairman for the district; and he attended many Boy Scout jamborees, including two world jamborees held in Algeria and Austria. Last weekend Dr. and Mrs. Harris and one daughter hiked into Blue Lake on the Crest Trail, a 16-mile round trip.

To many people Dr. Harris is synonymous with Blood Bank. He recently received a pin from the American Red Cross for 40 years.

He started helping out at the Vancouver Blood Banks in World War II, and he has missed only two since.

Another landmark shared by Dr. and Mrs. Harris this fall was the celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary September 19. Mrs. Harris, "white-haired and charming, has been the doctor's nurse for most of those years.

"Keep working at it and don't quarrel," is the doctor's advice to other couples striving for the 50-year record. The Harris' have three children: Ruth, who is head dietitian at Vancouver Memorial; Mrs. Betty Harding who is also a dietitian and lives in Olympia; and Dr. Arthur K. Harris Jr., who is presently in residence at the University Hospital in Seattle.

"On the 19th of each month since we were married," the doctor added, "my wife and I have exchanged gifts. During the depression days it might have only been a bar of candy, but a day like that you don't forget."

Many things have changed since the days when a hospital bed could be occupied for \$17.50 a week; when wheat was two-bits a bushel; and when boys played football wearing pants with bamboo stays, shoulder pads of sheepskin with a little excelsior stuffing and heavy felt helmets.

Camas friends hope one thing won't change: the sight of the serious man in the raincoat, Dr. Arthur Harris, on the sidelines at the football game.

Thomas and William Harris were among the 12 original signers of the Providence of Rhode Island pact; Dr. Harris has a photostatic copy of the bill of sale for land the colonists bought from the Indians.



Front row, left to right, Ann Harris, Ronnie Harding, Dr. Harris, Arthur K. Harris III, Mrs. Harris, Janice Harding. Back row, left to right, Mrs. Arthur K. Harris Jr. (Sally), Dr. Arthur K. Harris Jr., and Angus, Joan Harding, Betty (Harris) Harding, Roger Harding, Miss Ruth Harris.

Merry Christmas To Everyone— Christmas 1970

Greetings—

There will always be a Christmas.

It is a joyful thought to hold that it is the best happening that ever befell the human race.

For us in the Harris family this yuletide season has a special significance, when we consider the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us this year, 1970.

March, 1970—Nomination for Senior Citizen award by Men's Garden Club and Fern Prairie Grange.

May 10, 1970— Named Senior Citizen, Clark County 1970

May 22, 1970—Zellerbach School—Golden Acorn Award.

July 14, 1970—Football field named Dr. Arthur K. Harris Stadium, by action of School Board.

July 21, 1970—Named "KISN Good Guy of Week" by TV station KISN.

Sept. 18, 1970—Dedication of Dr. Arthur K. Harris Stadium, also awarding of 35-year Scouter pin, 40-year Red Cross plaque, lifetime pass to Camas high school events, and 40-year citation from Crown Zellerbach.

Reception—Whole family present. Picture taken.

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This is "Doc Harris Week" in Camas.

The dedication of Doc Harris stadium this Friday night will be a special occasion to honor the man who for so many years has attended games and practices, and given of his time and talent to care for the hurts, bruises, sprains, and fractures of football players.

The longtime scouter, hiker, gardener, rockhound, Kiwanian,

Toastmaster and father, this year also was named "Senior First Citizen" of Clark county, but gave up receiving the praises at a state meeting to help on a local blood drive.

Arthur K. Harris, the Whitman county lad and former football player, has become an institution in the community of Camas, and his night will be Friday during half-time of the game between the Papermakers and Centralia H.Z.



Dr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Harris await special presentations Friday night at the formal dedication of Dr. Arthur K. Harris Stadium in Camas. School, business and civic leaders were on hand to salute the long-time friend to Camas athletics.

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A wave of quiet swept through the crowd as a young man on the field went down under a sea of arms and legs.

Within seconds the serious man in the raincoat sprinted to the boy's side and extended his arm and medical know-how.

Dr. Arthur Harris has been where the action is, at Camas high school football games, for more than thirty years.

For a man who is on call day and night, Dr. Harris gives of himself generously in-between.

"I remember some years ago when Louise Ostenson and Hugh Knapp were playing end for Camas," he recalled.

"Today Hugh is an attorney, and Louise is a paper machine superintendent at Crown Zellerbach."

"It's in my blood," he remarked of his 30 plus years at football games. (He played Center himself for Colfax high school around 1913.)

Is it true boys used to be tougher than they are today?

Not according to Dr. Harris. "We came here during the depression years," he said, "and I gave the boys physical examinations before they could play ball."

There were more cases of infected tonsils, more cases of

bad teeth, more undernourishment; and the boys generally were not as heavy or as tall as boys are today.

"For one thing," the doctor continued, "they didn't receive the medical attention for respiratory infections that people do now. Children suffered serious secondary

infections from diseases like measles and scarlet fever."

"We didn't have sulfa antibiotics to fight infection then, of course. Sometimes aspirin was the best thing we could prescribe. In many cases, children just 'grew up like weeds.'"

Camas Chosen Dr. and Mrs. Harris left

eastern Washington 36 years ago, where the doctor was getting paid in "ham and eggs," to come to Camas.

"Camas was one of the few bright spots in the state during the depression," the doctor recalls.